

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) A server, comprising:

an information receiving device that receives from a communication device that receives a product ID identification information of a portable camera used by a registered user identified by the product identification information, the product identification information identifying a particular portable camera registered by a user;

a an ID-menu recording device that records the a plurality of differing product IDs identification information and a service menus, the service menus corresponding respectively to associated with the plurality of differing product IDs identification information and enabled for the registered user identified by the product identification information; and

a menu reading device that reads from the ID-menu recording device the service menu corresponding from the recording device according to the product ID identification information received by the information receiving device; and

a sending device that sends the service menu read by the menu reading device through a network to the communication device;

wherein the communication device transmits the service menu to the registered user.

4. (Currently amended) The server as defined in claim 3, further comprising:

a payment information recording device that records ~~the product identification information and~~ a method of payment and an association of the method of payment with at least one of the recorded product IDs;

a payment method reading device that reads the method of payment from the payment information recording device according to the product ID ~~identification information~~ received;
and

a charge receiving device that receives a charge for a service in accordance with the method of payment read by the payment method reading device.

5. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The server according to claim 3, further comprising:

~~a communication device that receives product identification information of a portable camera used by a registered user identified by the product identification information, the product identification information identifying a particular portable camera registered by a user;~~

a user setting recording device that records user setting information ~~on the of~~ a registered user, the user setting information corresponding to one of the recorded product IDs; and

a settings reading device that reads from the user setting recording device the user setting information associated with the corresponding product ID ~~identification information~~ received by the communication device and transmits the read user setting information to another communication apparatus.

6. (Original) The server as defined in claim 5, wherein the user setting information includes at least one of the following:

a delivery address, a distribution destination of image or audio data, a financial source, a password, an address, a name, a gender, a birthday and an age.

7. (Currently amended) The server as defined in claim 5, further comprising:

a payment information recording device that records the product ID identification information and a method of payment;

a payment method reading device that reads the method of payment from the payment information recording device according to the product ID identification information received; and

a charge receiving device that receives a charge for a service in accordance with the method of payment read by the payment method reading device.

8. - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) ~~A service center, comprising:~~ The server according to claim 3,
~~a communication device that receives product identification information of a portable camera used by a registered user identified by the product identification information and wherein, in addition to the product ID, the information receiving device also receives from the communication device service information, or receives the product identification information, an image and the service information from the registered user, the product identification~~

~~information identifying a particular portable camera registered by a user; the server further~~
comprising:

a user information recording device that records user information on ~~the a~~ registered user associated with the product ID identification information; and

a user information reading device that reads from the user information recording device the user information associated with the product ID identification information received by the ~~communication information receiving~~ device to specify the registered user, and provides a service corresponding to the service information to the registered user.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~service center server~~ server as defined in claim 10, wherein the user information includes at least one of the following:

delivery address, a distribution destination of image or audio data, a financial source, a password, an address, a name, a gender, a birthday and an age.

12. (Currently amended) The ~~service center server~~ server as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a payment information recording device that records ~~the product identification~~ information and a method of payment and associates the method of payment with at least one recorded product ID;

a payment method reading device that reads the method of payment from the payment information recording device according to the product ID identification information received;
and

a charge receiving device that receives a charge for a service in accordance with the method of payment read by the payment method reading device.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~service-center-server~~ server as defined in claim 10, wherein the service includes at least one of the following:

an image or audio distributing service, an image printing service, a service for publicly opening an image on a network, and a service for saving an image in a server.

14. (Currently amended) The ~~service-center-server~~ server as defined in claim 13, wherein the user information includes at least one of the following:

a delivery address, a distribution destination of image or audio data, a financial source, a password, an address, a name, a gender, a birthday and an age.

15. (Currently amended) The ~~service-center-server~~ server as defined in claim 13, further comprising:

a payment information recording device that records ~~the product identification information and a method of payment~~ and associates the method of payment with at least one recorded product ID;

a payment method reading device that reads the method of payment from the payment information recording device according to the product ID ~~identification information~~ received;
and

a charge receiving device that receives a charge for a service in accordance with the method of payment read by the payment method reading device.

16. (Currently amended) The server according to claim 3, ~~A service center which offers an after-sales service on a portable camera used by a registered user identified by product identification information in response to a request from the registered user, the product identification information identifying a particular portable camera registered by a user, the service center further comprising:~~

~~a communication device that receives the product identification information of the portable camera from the registered user;~~

a service information recording device that records after-sales service information associated with the product ID identification information; and

a service information reading device that reads from the service information recording device the after-sales service information associated with the product ID identification information received by the communication information receiving device,

wherein the ~~communication~~ sending device transmits the read after-sales service information to the ~~registered user~~ communication device.

17. (Currently amended) The ~~service center~~ server as defined in claim 16, wherein the after-sales service information is updating information of a program for the ~~portable camera~~.

18. (Currently amended) The server according to claim 3, ~~A service center which offers an after-sales service on a portable camera used by a registered user identified by product identification information in response to a request from the registered user, the product identification information identifying a particular portable camera registered by a user, the service center comprising:~~

~~a communication device that receives the product identification information of the portable camera and~~ wherein, in addition to the product ID, the information receiving device also receives from the communication device at least one of status information of the portable camera and history data related to utilization of the portable camera from the registered user; the server further comprising:

a service information recording device that records after-sales service information associated with the product ID ~~identification information~~ and with at least one of the status information and the history information; and

a service information reading device that reads from the service information recording device the after-sales service information associated with the product ID ~~identification information~~ and with the at least one of the status information and the history information received by the ~~communication~~ information receiving device,

wherein the ~~communication~~ sending device transmits the read after-sales service information to the ~~registered user~~ communication device.

19. (Currently amended) The service center server as defined in claim 18, wherein the after-sales service information is updating information of a program for the portable camera.

20. (Currently amended) A service method that provides communication with a communication apparatus that receives images and a product ID of a camera, the product ID identifying a particular camera, the service method comprising the following steps of:

~~receiving images- the product ID from a portable camera used by a registered user identified by product identification information connected with a- the communication apparatus and the product identification information of the portable camera from the portable camera, the product identification information identifying a particular portable camera registered by a user;~~

~~adapting- configuring a service menu associated with the product ID- identification information;~~

~~displaying the images and- providing through a network the service menu associated with the product ID identification information and enabled for the registered user- particular camera identified by the product ID, identification information- for display with the images on a displaying device of the communication apparatus; and~~

~~selecting- receiving through the network a service selection from the service menu, or selecting- receiving through the network the service selection and an image among the images; and~~

~~transmitting the product identification information and service information indicating the service selected, or transmitting the product identification information, the service information and the images through a network.~~

21. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 20, wherein:

a server receives a connection from the communication apparatus ~~connects to the service center and transmits~~ and receives from the communication apparatus the product ID identification information and the image to the service center;

the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has a user recording device that records user information on ~~the~~ a registered user associated with the product ID ~~identification information;~~ and

the server reads from the user recording device the user information associated with the product ID ~~identification information received by~~ from the communication apparatus ~~from the service center and transmits the read user information to the service center.~~

22. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 20, wherein:

~~the communication apparatus transmits~~ a server receives the product ID ~~identification information, the image and the service information to the server from the communication apparatus~~ through the network; and

the server has a user recording device that records user information associated with the product ID ~~identification information,~~ and reads from the user recording device the user information associated with the product ID ~~identification information;~~ and

the server connects to ~~the~~ a service center and transmits the read user information and the image to the service center.

23. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 20, wherein:

~~the a~~ server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has a password recording device that records a stored password ~~of the user~~ associated with the product ID ~~identification information~~; and

the server reads from the password recording device the stored password associated with the received product ID ~~identification information~~, ~~verifies~~ compares an entered a password received from the ~~registered user communication apparatus~~ with the stored password read from the password recording device, and then allows the selected service when the passwords are the same and prohibits the selected service when the passwords are different.

24. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 20, wherein:

a server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has a menu recording device that records the service menu associated with the product ID ~~identification information~~; and

the server selects from the menu recording device the service menu associated with the product ID ~~identification information~~ received from the ~~registered user communication apparatus~~ and transmits the selected service menu to the ~~registered user~~ communication apparatus.

25. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 24, wherein:

~~the server the communication apparatus connects to the service center and transmits~~ receives the product ID ~~identification information and the image to the service center from the~~ communication apparatus;

~~the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network~~
has a an ID-user recording device that records the product ID ~~identification information~~ and user
information ~~on the~~ of a registered user associated with the product ID; and

the server reads the user information from the ID-user recording device on subsequent
reception of the associated product ID ~~identification information~~ from the communication
apparatus ~~service center~~ and transmits the user information to the service center.

26. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 24, wherein:

~~the communication apparatus transmits the product identification information, the image~~
and the service information to the server through the network;

the server has a an ID-user recording device that records the product ID ~~identification~~
~~information~~ and the user information, and reads the user information from the ID-user recording
device according to the product ID ~~identification information~~; and

~~the server connects to the service center and transmits the user information and the image~~
to the service center.

27. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 24, wherein:

the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network
has a an ID-password recording device that records the product ID ~~identification information~~ and
a stored password associated with the product ID ~~of the registered user~~; and

the server reads the stored password from the ID-password recording device according to
the product ID ~~identification information~~ on reception of the product ID ~~identification~~

~~information~~ and a ~~an~~ entered password from the communication apparatus ~~registered user~~, and ~~verifies~~ compares the entered password received from the ~~registered user~~ communication apparatus with the stored password read from the ID-password recording device, then allows the service when the passwords are the same and prohibits the service when the passwords are different.

28. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 20, wherein:

a server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has a ~~first~~ an ID-utility recording device that records the product ID ~~identification information~~ and utility information related to services used by ~~the~~ a registered user associated with the product ID; and

wherein the step of configuring the service menu comprises:

the server ~~reads~~ reading from the ~~first~~ ID-utility recording device the utility information associated with the product ID ~~identification information~~ received from the ~~registered user~~ communication apparatus, and

~~determines an~~ determining a listing order of the services in the service menu in accordance with the utility information;

and wherein the server transmits the ~~read~~ configured service menu in the listing order to the ~~registered user~~ communication apparatus.

29. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 28, wherein:

the server receives ~~communication apparatus connects to the service center and transmits~~
the product ID identification information and the image ~~to the service center~~ from the
communication apparatus;

the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network
has a ~~second~~ an ID-user recording device that records the product ID identification information
and user information ~~on the registered user~~ associated with the particular camera; and

the server reads the user information from the ~~second~~ ID-user recording device on
reception of the product ID identification information from the communication apparatus ~~service~~
~~center and transmits the user information to the service center.~~

30. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 28, wherein:

the server receives ~~communication apparatus transmits the product ID identification~~
~~information, the image and the service information to~~ from the server ~~communication apparatus~~
through the network;

the server has a ~~second~~ an ID-user recording device that records the product ID
~~identification information~~ and user information, and the server reads the user information from
the ~~second~~ ID-user recording device according to the product ID identification information; and

~~the server connects to the service center and transmits the user information and the image~~
~~to the service center.~~

31. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 28, wherein:

the server which communicates with the communication apparatus through the network has a ~~second-ID-password~~ recording device that records the product ID identification information and a storage password of the registered user associated with the product ID; and

the server reads the password from the ~~second-ID-password~~ recording device according to the product ID identification information on reception of the product ID identification information and a an entered password from the registered user communication apparatus, and verifies the entered password received from the registered user communication apparatus with the storage password read from the ~~second-ID-password~~ recording device, then allows the selected service when the passwords are the same and prohibits the selected service when the passwords are different.

32. (Currently amended) A service method, ~~in which a first recording device records user information on a registered user identified by product identification information of a portable camera, the product identification information identifying a particular portable camera registered by a user and at least one of the following is offered: an image or audio distributing service, an image printing service, a service for publicly opening an image on a network, and a service for saving an image in a server, said service method comprising the steps of:~~

recording, in a user recording device, user information corresponding to a registered user;
associating the user information recorded in the user recording device with a stored product ID that corresponds to a particular camera;

offering to the registered user at least one service among a plurality of services including:
an image distributing service, an audio distributing service, an image printing service, a service
for publicly opening an image on a network, and a service for saving an image in a server, the
services offered to the registered user being determined based on camera features associated with
the product ID;

receiving from the registered user the product ID identification information and service
information indicating a service selected from the offered services, or receiving from the
registered user the product ID identification information, an image and the service information
from the registered user; and

reading from the first user recording device the user information associated with the
received product ID identification information to specify the registered user, and providing the
selected service to the registered user.

33. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 32, ~~in which~~ wherein a
~~second payment method~~ recording device records the product ID identification information and a
an associated method of payment, ~~wherein~~ said service method further comprising the steps of:

reading a the method of payment from the ~~second payment method~~ recording device in
accordance with the received product ID identification information; and

~~receiving~~ providing a charge for the selected service ~~from the registered user in~~
accordance with the method of payment.

34. (Currently amended) A service method, ~~in which a first recording device records after-sales service information indicating an after-sales service of a portable camera used by a registered user identified by product identification information of the portable camera and the after-sales service is provided to the registered user, the product identification information identifying a particular portable camera registered by a user, said service method comprising the steps of:~~

recording, in a service information recording device, after-sales service information indicating an after-sales service corresponding to a product ID of a particular camera;

associating the after-sales service information with a stored version of the product ID;

receiving the product ID identification information from the registered user a communication device;

reading from the first service information recording device the after-sales service information associated with the received product ID identification information; and

transmitting the after-sales service information to the communication device registered user.

35. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 34, further comprising:
in which a second

recording, in an ID-payment recording device, records the product ID identification information and a method of payment associated with the product ID; wherein said service method further comprising the steps of:

reading ~~a~~ the associated method of payment from the ~~second-ID-payment~~ recording device in accordance with the received product ID ~~identification information~~; and
~~receiving-providing~~ a charge for the after-sales service ~~from the registered user~~ in accordance with the associated method of payment.

36. (Currently amended) A service method, comprising: ~~in which a first recording device records after sales service information indicating an after sales service of a portable camera used by a registered user identified by product identification information of the portable camera and with at least one of status information of the portable camera and history information related to utilization of the portable camera, and the after sales service is provided to the registered user, the product identification information identifying a particular portable camera registered by a user, said service method comprising the steps of:~~

recording, in a service information recording device, after-sales service information indicating an after-sales service corresponding to a product ID of a particular camera;

associating the after-sales service information with a stored version of the product ID;

receiving the product ID ~~identification information~~ and at least one of the status information and the history information from a communication device ~~the registered user~~;

reading from the ~~first~~ service information recording device the after-sales service information associated with the received product ID ~~identification information~~ and with at least one of the received status information and the received history information; and

transmitting the read after-sales service information to the communication device ~~registered user~~.

37. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 36, further comprising:
~~in which a second recording device records the product identification information and a method~~
~~of payment, wherein said service method further comprising the steps of:~~

recording, in a payment method recording device, the product ID and a method of
payment associated with the product ID;

reading a the method of payment from the ~~second~~ payment method recording device in
accordance with the product ID ~~identification information~~; and

~~receiving~~ providing a charge for the after-sales service ~~from the registered user in~~
accordance with the associated method of payment.

38.-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently amended) The server as defined in claim 3, wherein the menu reading
device reads the service menu according to a function of the ~~portable~~ camera that is specified by
the product ID ~~identification information~~.

41. (Currently amended) The server as defined in claim 3, wherein the menu reading
device reads the service menu according to a registered user of the ~~portable~~ camera that is
~~specified by~~ associated with the product ID ~~identification information~~.

42. (Currently amended) The server as defined in claim-8 28, wherein the utility data includes frequencies in the use of the services.

43. - 44. (Cancelled)

45. (Currently amended) The server as defined in claim 3,
wherein the ID-menu recording device is configured to also record ~~the~~ user information of ~~the~~ a registered user and associate the users information with at least one service menu, and
wherein the menu reading device is configured to read the service menu according to the user information of the registered user.

46. (Currently amended) The ~~communication apparatus~~ server as defined in claim 45, wherein the user information include at least one of a delivery address, a distribution destination of image or audio data, a financial source, a password, an address, a name, a gender, a birthday and an age of the registered user.

47. (Currently amended) The server as defined in claim 5, wherein the user setting recording device is configured to record the user setting information ~~of the~~ associated with the registered user at the time the ~~portable~~ camera is purchased by the registered user.

48. (Currently amended) The ~~service center~~ server as defined in claim 10, wherein the user information recording device is configured to record the user information of the registered user at the time the ~~portable~~ camera is purchased by the registered user.

49. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 20, further comprising:
recording user information of the ~~a~~ registered user in the portable camera;
~~transmitting the user information of the registered user to from the portable camera to the~~
~~communication apparatus; and~~
~~transmitting-receiving~~ the user information from the camera via the communication apparatus to a server through the network,

wherein the step of ~~displaying-providing~~ the service menu for display on the displaying device of the communication apparatus includes:

customizing, in the server, the service menu based on the product ID ~~identification~~
~~information of the portable camera~~ and based on the user information of the registered user;
transmitting the service menu from the server to the communication apparatus through the network; and
displaying the service menu on the displaying device of the communication apparatus.

50. (Previously presented) The service method as defined in claim 49, wherein the user information include at least one of a delivery address, a distribution destination of image or audio data, a financial source, a password, an address, a name, a gender, a birthday and an age of the registered user.

51. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 20, further comprising:
recording, in a server, user information of ~~the~~ a registered user in association with the
product ID identification information of the ~~portable~~ camera;
wherein ~~the step of displaying~~ providing the service menu for display on the displaying
device of the communication apparatus includes:
retrieving, in the server, the user information of the registered user based on the product
ID identification information of the ~~portable~~ camera received from the communication apparatus;
customizing, in the server, the service menu based on the product ID identification
~~information of the portable camera~~ and based on the user information of the registered user;
transmitting the service menu from the server to the communication apparatus through
the network; and
displaying the service menu on the displaying device of the communication apparatus.

52. (Currently amended) The service method as defined in claim 51, further comprising:
~~transmitting~~ receiving, ~~to~~ at the server, the user information of the registered user and the
product ID identification information of the ~~portable~~ camera at a time of purchase of the ~~portable~~
camera by the registered user prior to recording the user information in the server.

53. (Previously Presented) The service method as defined in claim 51, wherein the user
information include at least one of a delivery address, a distribution destination of image or audio

data, a financial source, a password, an address, a name, a gender, a birthday and an age of the registered user.

54.-56. (Cancelled)

57. (New) A service method comprising:

- receiving from a communication device a product ID of a camera;
- recording a plurality of differing product IDs and service menus in an ID-menu recording device, the service menus corresponding respectively to the plurality of differing product IDs;
- reading from the ID-menu recording device the service menu corresponding to the received product ID; and
- sending the read service menu through a network to the communication device.